FIVE NAVY MEDICINE MOMENTS IN NOVEMBER 2017 [PHOTOS]

Every day, more than 63,000 Navy Medicine personnel are operating forward around the world, providing agile and rapid health care support to the Navy and Marine Corps. Saving lives wherever our forces operate is what we do, be it above the sea, on the sea, below the sea or on the battlefield. The following photos depict important events and our medical professionals at work during November 2017.



SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (Nov. 4, 2017) Yaritza Valerio, mother, Luis Borja, father, and Isaias Valerio-Fonseca, first U.S. male baby born and the first cesarean section aboard the Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Comfort (T- AH 20) since arriving in Puerto Rico. Comfort is moored pierside in San Juan to provide humanitarian relief. The Department of Defense is supporting the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the lead federal agency, in helping those affected by Hurricane Maria to minimize suffering and is one component of the overall whole-of-government response effort. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Stephanie Belcher/Released)



BREMERTON, Washington (Nov. 14, 2017) Vice Adm. Forrest Faison, Navy surgeon general and chief, U.S. Bureau of Medicine and Surgery addresses doctors, nurses, hospital corpsmen and support staff assigned to Naval Hospital Bremerton during his visit to the command November 14, 2017. Faison, along with Force Master Chief Hosea Smith, met with command leadership and various work centers as part of his tour of Pacific Northwest Military Treatment Centers. A focal point of Faison's visit was to get a close-up view of the deployment on September 23, 2017 at NHB of the new Department of Defense electronic health



SAN ANTONIO (Nov. 17, 2017) Rear Adm. Rebecca McCormick-Boyle, left, and Command Master Chief Mitchell Sepulveda announce Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Patricia Lopez-Cruz as Navy Medicine Education Training and Logistics Command (NMETLC) Sailor of the Year (SOY) 2017 at an announcement ceremony. The ceremony marked the end of a week-long meeting to reflect on Navy heritage and decide the Sailor to be named 2017 SOY for NMETLC. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication 2nd Class Michael J. Lieberknecht/Released)



NORFOLK (Nov. 20, 2017) Family and friends of crew members aboard U.S. Navy hospital ship USNS Comfort (T-AH 20) wait as the ship arrives at Naval Station Norfolk. Comfort returned from supporting the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the lead federal organization, as well as other federal and local authorities helping those in Puerto Rico affected by Hurricane Maria. (U.S. Navy photo by Bill Mesta/Released)



AMAZON RIVER, Brazil (Nov. 21, 2017) A team of five U.S. Navy doctors travel to a remote village along the Amazon River in Brazil, November 21. Clockwise from left, they are Lt. Cmdr. Patricia Hogan, an internal medicine specialist; Lt. Cmdr. Robert P. Lennon, a specialist in general medicine; Lt. Cmdr. Thomas K. Barlow, a specialist in dermatology; Lt. Gregory J Condos, an internal medicine specialist; and Lt. Cmdr. Nehkonti Adams, an infectious diseases specialist. The team is engaging in a month-long humanitarian mission up the Amazon River. They are working with the Brazilian Navy to deliver healthcare to some of the most isolated people in the world. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Andrew Brame/Released)